

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of :  
Soledad PENADES et al. : Examiner: Pensee T. Do  
Application No. 10/559,957 : Group Art Unit: 1641  
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR  
RECONSIDERATION (37 CFR §1.114(d))**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.114(d), applicants are filing concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and submitting the following amendment and remarks in response to the Official Action dated November 23, 2010 in the above-identified patent application.